

A petition from Wollombi in favour of the National Schools, and a petition from Raymond Terrace praying for the establishment of industrial and reformatory schools, were also ordered to be printed.

The petition from the Clarence and Richmond Rivers, praying for an inquiry into the proceedings of the Synod of Australia in 1842, was ordered to be printed on the motion of Mr. BLACK.

The notices on the papers were then withdrawn and postponed.

The Police Regulation Act Amendment Bill was considered in committee, reported to the House with amendments, and the third reading fixed for Friday.

The other orders of the day were postponed.

The House adjourned at twenty-five minutes before twelve o'clock till three o'clock this day.

THE most painful part of the domestic news brought by the last mail, was that which related to the strike amongst the building operatives in London. It is impossible to think of forty thousand men thrown suddenly out of employment, and living on savings that ought to have been available for a day of real distress, or sickness, or bereavement, without feeling how much misery must sooner or later result in thousands of homes from such enforced idleness. This strike is not only an indication of the chronic fever that is always at work between capital and labour, but it seems to be something like a definite stage in the progress of the quarrel. It is not an ordinary strike. It

is a pitched battle between the two parties, the fight having been deliberately offered on the one side, and accepted on the other.

It appears that the men, though demanding virtually an increase of wages, made the demand indirectly, and in the form of a reduction of the hours of work without any corresponding reduction in the amount of wages. Whether the conflict between the supply and the demand justified an advance in the payment of labour, does not appear. Indeed does it seem to have been the real question?—the basis of the quarrel being altogether different, that of class supremacy. The masters refused to accede to their demand, and the men then began to liberally to enforce it. Their leaders did not

counsel a general strike. Quite the contrary. They adopted a far more subtle and penetrating policy than that. They expressly forbade a general strike. But they commenced to work each firm separately. The men at the works of Messrs. THROLOPE and Co. were ordered to strike, and they obeyed instantly. At the other men kept at their work at the old rate of wages, and supported from their earnings the temporary idleness of the duty of the men. THROLOPE and Co. was quite clear that such an assault as this, unless they were sure of the support of the other men, would be entirely supported by their own colleagues. If they had been forced to give in, another firm would have been taken in hand directly, and treated in the same way. After some injec-

tual attempt at conciliation, therefore, the masters agreed to espouse the cause of Messrs. TROLLOPE and Co. Their mutual jealousy of each other's competition gave way under the sense of a common danger. They recognized the combined and concerted movement of the men, as one that could only be met by a like equally combined and concerted movement. To abstain from such combination would be to allow themselves to be beaten and used. They, therefore, had a meeting and decided to imitate the tactics to which they were opposed. The individual masters who were opposed to the combination resolved to deal with the masters individually, as the masters in their turn resolved to deal with the men individually. They resolved to form a "Central Association of Master Builders."

member of which "shall engage, or continue in his employment, any contributor to the funds of any Trades Union or Trades Society who practices interference with the regulations of an establishment, the hours or terms of labour, the contracts or agreements of employers or employees, or the qualifications or terms of service." And further that no workman shall be employed by any member of the society who will not sign this agreement. "I declare that I am not now nor have I ever been a member of, or supporter of, any society which, directly or indirectly, interferes with the arrangements of this or any other establishment, or the hours or terms of labour, and that I recognize the right of employers to employ individuals to make any tradespouse

The men have unanimously refused to sign this agreement, and therefore a general lock-out followed. The strike on the large scale, therefore, was virtually caused by the new demand made by the masters, but it was done in self-defence as protection against the detailed strikes initiated by the workmen.

The matter has been brought under the notice of the Government, but the Government says it cannot interfere, beyond keeping order and suppressing riot. The rate of wages, the method of arrangements between masters and men lie outside the proper provision of the Executive.

The men, in justifying themselves before the bar of public opinion, say that they should

slaves if they consented to sign such an agreement, and that to debar them from uniting in trades unions would be to deprive them of the advantages which those unions confer. The benefit societies on the sick and bereaved. To the latter points the masters reply that, so far forth as the unions are really benefit societies, they desire to see them encouraged, but they oppose them because they are political societies as well, and because the funds which ought to be employed to the relief of destitution are sacrosanct in maintaining in the hands of men who are not on the same footing as the men who are free. To the former assertion they reply that the men are slaves already, and that the signing of the agreement would release them from that slavery. The unions they urge are an intolerable bondage.

interfering with a man's free right to dispose of his labour as he pleases. Men are not allowed to work under a non-unionist foreman, bricklayers are not permitted to stoop to lift anything that requires both hands, nor can any one act in opposition to the injunctions from the headquarters of the union.

These mutual recriminations, however, are as useless as they are irritating. There is always a loss of individual liberty where there is combination and subordination. No man can do as he likes in every respect, and yet get the advantage of his fellows. It is easy to give opponents epithets and call this diminution of liberty, by the odious title of slavery. The men surrender their individual rights in order to dispose of their labour as they please.

like, when they join a tradesunion. But so, on the other hand, the masters surrender their individual rights to hire labour where and how they please, when they bind themselves together to employ no man who will not sign the agreement. On both sides there is an attempt to carry out class objects by co-operation, and on both sides there is a limitation of personal freedom, in order that the advantages or imagined advantages of co-operation may be obtained by each one considering that, on the whole, he

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Europe Rope
2, 3, and 4-yarn Spool yarn
Oakum
New Canvas
Ditto, Bleached.
To Shoemakers, Ship-owners, Merchants, Tarpanners and Tins
Makers, and others.

Auction Sale, WEDNESDAY, 19th Instant, at half-past
10 o'clock.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO.

M. auction, at their Rooms, Pitt and O'Connell
 streets, THIS DAY, the 19th instant; at half-past 11
 o'clock,
 Without reserve,
 40 bundles oakum
 10 tons (about) best Europe rope, assorted sizes
 20 coils 2, 3, and 4-yarn spunnay
 12 bales navy canvas
 5 ditto bleached ditto.
 Terms at sale.
 Three-bushel Bags and Gunnies.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO., will sell by
 auction, at their Rooms, Pitt and O'Connell
 streets, this DAY, the 19th instant, at half-past 11
 20 bales 3-bushel bags, 2½ lbs.
 20 ditto gannicks.
 Terms, liberal, at sale.

Flounced Neslin Dresses,
 Ex Vimeira.
 To Warehousemen, Drapers, Shippers, Storekeepers, and
 others.
 WEDNESDAY

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. have re-
ceived instructions from the importers, Messrs.
Montefiore, Graham, and Co., to sell by auction, at their
rooms, Pitt and O'Connell streets, **THIS DAY, the**
9th instant, at 11 o'clock,
12 cases printed muslin dresses, consisting of
Printed organdie, 12 yards
Do ditto mauve, ditto
Do ditto flounced ditto, 16 yards.
Terms, liberal, at sale.

Wines, Spirits, Bottled Beer, &c.
Important Unreserved Sale,
On THURSDAY, 20th October,
At the Australian Auction Mart.

MESSRS. W. DEAN AND CO. will sell by
auction, at their Warehouse, Pitt and O'Connell
streets, on THURSDAY, 20th October, at 11 o'clock,
Several parcels of port and sherry wines, case and half
brandy, W. I. rum, J.D.E.Z. and key brand spirits,
old tom. whisky, Byass' and Martell's brandy.

porter, &c., comprising

- 1 hoghead choice four diamond port
- 1 quart-r-casks ditto ditto ditto
- 10 hogheads Hunt's one diamond port
- 20 quarter-casks ditto ditto ditto
- 12 hogheads ditto ditto ditto
- 12 quarter-casks ditto double diamond ditto
- 10 quarter-casks ditto ditto ditto
- 5 hog-heads ditto ditto ditto
- 10 quarter-casks ditto ditto ditto
- 4 hogheads ditto four diamond ditto
- 12 quarter-casks ditto ditto ditto
- 1 hog-head one treble grape sherry
- 3 quarter-casks ditto ditto ditto

3 hogheads super old pale sherry	
16 hogheads Tuzar's ditto ditto	Joyce
80 quarter-casks ditto ditto ditto	as
200 cases claret	the
50 ditto champagne	
50 ditto sparkling hock	4000
30 ditto still hock	Bris-
6 hogheads Roy's dark brandy	revue
5 ditto Rizez's pale brandy	
5 ditto Marcell's dark brandy, genuine	
2 ditto ditto pale ditto, ditto	
6 ditto Swain, Boord, & Co.'s brown brandy	

7 ditto Field and Co.'s ditto ditto
 20 ditto Nizat's dark brandy
 11 quarter-casks Bernard's ditto ditto
 10 hog-heads foreign brown mixing brandy
 70 cases Bernard's pale brandy
 200 ditto Eau de vie ditto ditto, very superior
 160 ditto flun pale cognac brandy
 250 ditto JIKZ cases
 250 ditto half-cases, key brand, d'to
 25 hog-heads rum
 5 ditto fine W. I. rum, 20 o.p.
 10 ditto ditto ditto ditto, 10 c.p.
 100 cases Peter's old tom,

200 ditto Lowndes's ditto
40 ditto Hervoy's ditto
25 quarter-ca ke Ramsay's whisky
50 cases Stewart's best Scotch ditto
200 cases Marzetti's bottled ale and porter
100 ditto Dunphy's E. I. pale ale, &c., &c.
Terms at sale.

To Dealers and others.
Clearance Sale.
290 boxes Elmsa Staisina
Sundry parcels of Groceries, &c.

MESSRS. W. DEAN. and CO. will sell by public auction, at their Warehouse, 211 and 213 O'Connell streets, on **THURSDAY, 29th October, at 12 o'clock,**

290 boxes Elemé raisins, all more or less damaged.

Also, sundry parcels of groceries—*sample cases, &c.*

Without reserve to clear the stores.

Terms, cash.

On account of whom it may concern.

Ex Pearl and Brumm, Vass. master, Gen. Land.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. will sell by
auction, at their Warehouse, Pitt and O'Connell
streets, on **THURSDAY, 26th October**, at 11 o'clock,
On account of whom they may interfere,
Ex Ferdinand Brumm,
PE over 2578,
50 cases, each 1 dozen, French wine.
RE over 2577,
150 cases, each 1 dozen, ditto ditto.
All more or less damaged by sea water.

Terms, cash.
The Charge of the Princess Amelia, from Amsterdam, 400
Key Brand Geneva
Seltzer Water, Pints and Quarts
Fine Danish Oats
Sheet Zinc, Nos. 8, 9, and 10
Sheet Lead, 3, 4, 5, and 6 lbs.
For Unreserved Sale by Auction, on **THURSDAY,**
20th October.

MESSRS. W. DEAN AND CO. have received instructions from the importers to sell by auction, at their Warehouse, Pitt and O'Connell streets, **THURSDAY, 20th October, at 11 o'clock,** The principal portion of the cargo of the Frigate **Amelia**, from Amsterdam, as follows
2000 cases key brand Geneva.
40 hampers, pints seltzer water
40 ditto, quarts ditto.

At half-past 12 o'clock,
172 bags Danish oats
10 tons sheet iron, Nos. 8, 9, and 10
10 rolls sheet lead, 3, 4, 5, and 6 lb., &c., &c.
Terms at sale.

Monster Clearing Out Sale.
TUESDAY, 25th October.
On Walker's Wharf, Fort-street,
the Entire Stock of Superior American, Baltic, and Oregon
Lumber.

For Peremptory Sale
In consequence of Messrs. Wilkinson, Brothers, and Co.
Intending removal to their new Saw Mills, Yard at
Premises, Liverpool-street.
Most important to Timber Merchants, Builders, Contractors,
Architects, Country Buyers, Shippers, and others.

MESSRS. W. DEAN and CO. have been
favoured with instructions from Messrs. W.
Wilkinson, Brothers, and Co., to sell by auction, on Walker
& Hart, Port-street, on **TUESDAY, 25th October**, at half
past 2 o'clock, prompt,
A large and well selected stock of

The whole of their extensive and well selected
timber, comprising—
The cargo of Oregon timber, ex Ell Whitney, from Puget
Sound
The cargo of log pine, ex India, from St. John's, N.S.
Brunswick
Oregon tongued and grooved boards
Pitch pine ditto ditto ditto
White pine ditto ditto ditto
Clear pine ditto ditto ditto
Spruce pine ditto ditto ditto
Norway pine ditto ditto ditto
Shelving board

Very superior clear pine rough boards, various sizes
 Very superior clear pine dress of boards, ditto ditto
 Half-inch clear pine sining batens, &c.
 The auctioneers beg to direct the especial attention of
 country buyers, builders, contractors, timber merchants
 and the trade generally to the fact that, the whole of the
 above stock of superior timber will positively be sold
 above the slightest reserve, in consequence of Messrs.
 Hinton, Brothers, and Co.'s immediate removal to their
 new premises.
 The steam saw-mills and machinery on Walker's Wharf
 will be submitted to public competition on Friday, 4th
 inst. and the proceeds applied to the purchase of the
 following additional quantities of timber:

Intending purchasers are invited to inspect the timber prior to the day of sale.

Terms, liberal, at sale.

